

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THE TURNER/SMITH HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 947 West Benning Road ___ not for publication

city, town Galesville ___ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William Woodfield, Jr. and R. Harold Day

street & number c/o Woodfield Fish & Oyster Co. telephone no.: 867-3421

city, town Galesville state and zip code MD 20765

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel Co. Registry of Deeds liber 3027

street & number folio 50 (Parcel #2)

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Md. Historic Sites Inventory

date ___ federal ☒ state ☒ county ___ local

depository for survey records Md. Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD

7. Description

Survey No. AA-919

Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☐ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Turner/Smith House is a modest one-story frame dwelling, constructed ca. 1927, and located in the heart of Galesville's small black community on West Benning Road.

The house faces NE and measures 28'6" x 12'4", with a front wing 14'3" x 12'. It is raised on piers, some of which are concrete blocks and some tree stumps. The sheathing is beaded tongue-and-groove paneling, mounted vertically. The main block has a steeply pitched gable roof with the ridge aligned SE-NW. The front wing has a shallow pitched shed roof. The windows are small and square, either four panes or six, single sash. One narrow brick chimney is exterior to the SE gable end wall.

The interior was not surveyed.

8. Significance

Survey No. AA-919

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Turner/Smith House was constructed ca.1927 on "Lot 20" of "Stein's Property". (See Inventory file #921 for a copy of the "Stein's Property" plat prepared ca.1929 by surveyor John Shepherd.)

On June 20, 1929, Lot 20 (consisting of 2½ acres stretching between W. Benning Rd. on the NE and Main St. on the SW) was deeded by the Trustees of Samuel Stein's Estate to Albert W. Woodfield, son of Herman A. Woodfield who co-founded Woodfield Oyster Co. in 1917. (F.S.R. 54/194)

Albert apparently took possession of the property prior to recording the deed in 1929, because his brother William R. Woodfield, Sr. recalls that Albert had this house built sometime in the 1920's, to be used as rental housing for Woodfield Company employees. Milton M. Turner, an early tenant of the Turner/Smith House, also states that the house was here by 1927.

According to Milton Turner, his parents, Berdella Crouner and Allen V. Turner, were renting this house in 1927 when his sister Lavinia was born here. Milton was born here in 1933. He recalls the addition of the front shed room ca.1940, which probably resulted from enclosing a porch. In 1942 the Turner family moved out and another family moved in. In 1964 the current tenants Frank and Helen Smith moved in.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AA-919

Oral Interviews: William R. Woodfield, Sr.; Milton M. Turner; Frank Smith.

"Stein's Property", Platted (ca. 1929) by John Shepherd, Surveyor, Bristol, Md.,
traced 2/24/1955 by Edw. Hall III, Surveyor, Annapolis, Md.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Deale 1957; photorevised 1970Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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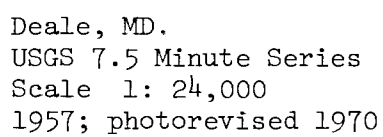
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city or town Annapolisstate MD 21404

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an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated
Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and
record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of
individual property rights.

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Galesville



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Turner / Smith House

A.A.Co., M&L.

S. Wetherill, 4/85

North corner



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A.A.Co., Md.

S. Weatherill, 4/85

S. Corner



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Turner/Smith House
A.A.Co., Md.

~~ROLL # 5~~
~~FRAME 12~~

S. Wetherill, 2/85

facade (NE elevation) and N. Corner.



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Turner/Smith House
A.A.Co., Md.

~~ROLL #10~~

~~FRAME #10~~

S. Weatherill, 4/85

East corner

- current tenant, Frank Smith, in doorway.